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KEY TO SYMBOLS

..	figures not available
...	figures not appropriate or not applicable
—	nil or zero
--	amount too small to be expressed
p	preliminary figures
r	revised figures
x	confidential
*	OEA estimates

NEW BRUNSWICK ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Gross Provincial Product (\$M)	2,428	2,887	18.9	3,285	13.8
Personal Income (\$M)	2,042	2,451	20.0	2,926	19.4
Personal Income/Capita (\$)	3,132	3,702	18.2	4,335	17.1
Total Wages & Salaries (\$M)	1,216.9	1,465.4	20.4	1,773	21.0
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	133.97	154.58	15.4	..	18.5 ⁽¹⁾
Population (June 1) ('000)	652	662	1.5	675	2.0
Labour Force ('000)	239	250	4.6	260	4.0
Employed ('000)	218	227	4.1	230	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	22	23	4.5	30	30.4
Participation Rate (%)	51.5	52.5	..	53.1	..
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	9.2	..	11.5	..
Farm Cash Receipts (\$M)	95.5	103.6	8.4	..	- 9.9 ⁽¹⁾
Seafish Landings (\$M)	22.1	21.0	- 4.9	..	- 6.7 ⁽¹⁾
Mineral Production (\$M)	162.4	213.5	31.5	251.4	17.8
Manufacturing Shipments (\$M)	1,168.3	1,633.1	39.8	..	4.8 ⁽¹⁾
Housing Starts (#)	7,235	5,861	-19.0	6,983	19.1
Building Permits (\$M)	145.3	167.6	15.4	..	28.2 ⁽¹⁾
Retail Trade (\$M)	976.8	1,141.4	16.8	..	13.5 ⁽¹⁾
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	112.2	123.8	10.3	138.1	11.6
Exports (\$M)	534.4	718.9	34.5	..	10.0 ⁽¹⁾
Capital Investment (\$M)	636.0	946.8	48.9	1,142.9	20.7
Repair Investment (\$M)	184.2	218.8	18.8	246.9	12.8

⁽¹⁾ Based on partial data for 1975.



THE NEW BRUNSWICK ECONOMY

1975 IN REVIEW

During the first half of 1975 the international recession intensified in most of the industrialized nations. Unemployment reached the highest levels since the Depression. Inflation continued at a high level though rates began to ease as the year progressed. Export markets for many New Brunswick products were affected, resulting in production cutbacks and higher unemployment. Despite this adverse environment, the Province registered substantial economic growth with an overall performance better than that for the Nation.

While statistical returns for 1975 are still incomplete, present indications are that a gain of almost 14% in the Gross Provincial Product was achieved. While this is down from 19% in 1974, it compares favourably with the national growth of 10%. Real growth is estimated at 3.5% during a year in which all of Canada's GNP increase was the result of inflation and the United States experienced a 2% decline in the volume of production.

POPULATION AND LABOUR FORCE

For the second successive year the Province's population grew at a rate of 2%, ahead of Canada's 1.6%, to attain a level of 675,000 on June 1. Migration into the Province, exceeding

6,000 persons in the 12 months ending June 1, continued to increase over 1973 and 1974 levels.

Since 1971 the Province's labour force has been expanding rapidly. Such was again the case in 1975 though the 4% increase was somewhat more moderate. About 70% of the total increase of 10,000 persons was in the female work force. As a result, the labour force participation rate for the year continued the upward trend of recent years. However, in the latter part of the year the rate began to decline as high unemployment and the scarcity of job opportunities served to discourage new entrants to the work force.

In contrast to this continued rapid increase in the labour force, employment gains slowed to only 1.3% as the Province's industrial activity was affected by economic disruptions in traditional markets. Consequently, unemployment was sharply higher. The number of unemployed persons rose 7,000 to an average of 30,000 for the year and the unemployment rate moved from 9.2% in 1974 to 11.5%. The rate for Canada rose from 5.4% to 7.1%.

The incidence of unemployment was higher among the Province's younger population. While the total number of unemployed was evenly divided into two groups, those under 25 and those 25 or older, the rate of unemployment exceeded 16% for the 14-24 age group, compared to 9% for those aged 25 or over.

Employment growth last year was largely concentrated in the service sector where the net gain was 3,000 jobs. Reflecting reduced industrial activity, employment in the transportation, communication and utilities sector declined by 3,000 while other service employment rose by 6,000. In the goods-producing sector, an advance of 2,000 in manufacturing employment was offset by declines of 1,000 in construction and in the primary industries.

Male employment fell by 2,000 while female employees numbered 5,000 more than in 1974. Both sexes reported increased unemployment last year with a rate of 13% for men and something under 10% for women.

PRICES

Canada continued to experience high rates of inflation in 1975. The GNE implicit price deflator, the most comprehensive measure of price change, increased 10%, down from the 14% rate in 1974. Further moderation is expected this year.

The Consumer Price Index for Canada was up 10.8% last year, the same increase as in 1974. The Saint John CPI (the only Provincial price indicator) rose 11.6%, higher than the 10.3% in 1974. Local retail prices thus rose more rapidly than the national average last year, a reversal of the 1974 experience.

Over the two years price increases provincially and nationally were of almost equivalent magnitudes.

INCOMES

Total personal income increased last year by some 19%, maintaining the rapid pace set in 1974. The major contributing factor was the 21% increase in wages and salaries paid to New Brunswick workers.

Personal income per person rose by 17% to an average \$4,335, increasing the provincial average from 74.5% of the national in 1974 to over 76% last year. Average weekly wages and salaries in industrial employment were 18.5% ahead of 1974 after the completion of nine months, well ahead of the 14% national performance.

With a provincial inflation rate of under 12% last year, substantial real gains in income were achieved for the second successive year.

CAPITAL SPENDING

Statistics Canada's mid-year review of investment intentions suggested a record level of \$1,143 million for capital spending in New Brunswick for 1975. This represented

a 20.7% increase over 1974. The major portion of this increase was expected in manufacturing and utilities.

Indications are that plans as formulated in that survey were largely undertaken during 1975 and thus investment was the major economic growth force last year. Building permits issued over the first ten months of the year were valued at \$193 million, 28% above the same period of 1974. Housing starts last year numbered 6,983, 19% above 1974. This was exceeded only by the record 7,235 units started in 1973.

EXPORTS

Exports from New Brunswick in the first three quarters of the year were valued at \$574 million, 10% above the same period of 1974. Exports to the United States fell 6%, while those to all other countries were up 33%.

Increases in both volume and value were registered by fish products, lead, zinc, and pulpwood. Price increases more than offset the decline in the quantity of woodpulp shipped to foreign markets. The volume of newsprint shipped was unchanged, but price increases raised the value by 28%. Substantial declines were reported for lumber, copper petroleum products, and electricity.

After a 20% increase in the first half of the year, the value of exports declined from 1974 levels in the third

quarter. With a further decline likely in the fourth, the total for 1975 could show an increase in the order of 5%.

INDUSTRIAL PERFORMANCES

In agriculture, farm cash receipts received during 1975 were about 8% below the previous year. Receipts in the first half of the year were down about 50% due to the low level of potato prices. A revival in potato prices led to a dramatic increase in receipts in the last six months.

Last year was a difficult one for the forestry sector as the weakness in demand that appeared in late 1974 continued in earnest. Pulpwood production declined about 20% and output of the Province's sawmills fell 22% in the first 9 months. The latter followed an 8% drop in 1974. The volume of pulp and paper production in the first three-quarters was 13% below 1974 and the last quarter featured strikes at three of the Province's mills.

Activity in the fisheries was also below earlier levels. After nine months the value of seafish landings was down by 6.7%. Thus 1975 is likely to show a decline at least equivalent to 1974's 5%. The volume of landings declined for the fourth successive year.

The value of mineral production increased 18% from \$213.5 million in 1974 to \$251.4 million, primarily due to the \$37 million gain in the value of zinc. Increases were also recorded by lead and coal. Increases in the quantities of output were 23% for zinc, 18% for lead and 5% for copper. Declines were reported for structural materials, gypsum and peat moss.

An increase of 5% in the value of manufacturing shipments was recorded in the January-October period of 1975. In view of the decline below 1974 levels of shipments for the months of July to October it is unlikely that 1975 value will exceed 1974 by more than 3%. In view of current rates of inflation this implies a decline in the volume of shipments.

Developments in various service industries indicate continued growth in 1975, though generally at more moderate rates than in the previous year.

At the end of September retail sales were 13.5% above the previous year when a gain of 16.8% occurred. With an increase of 11.6% in the Saint John CPI real growth was perhaps only 2%. Sales were up 20% or more in food, family shoe, household furniture, jewellery and department stores. The number of motor vehicles sold to October were down 4.4%, but higher unit prices pushed the total value up 10.5%

Transportation industries experienced reductions in traffic while utilities grew at slower rates. Outgoing traffic

at the port of Saint John decreased 13% in the first eleven months and incoming traffic was off 28%. Rail freight has been declining for over a year. Use of electricity was up 6% in the first ten months, compared to annual growth rates of close to 10% in the previous two years. Indicators of telephone business increased at about the same rate as in 1973 but these were 15% below 1974 gains.

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(I) POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Table 1 - POPULATION

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	640,000	648,000	658,000	670,000
April	642,000	651,000	660,000	673,000
June	642,000	652,000	662,000	675,000
July	643,000	652,000	663,000	676,000
October	646,000	655,000	668,000	681,000
(Oct./Oct.)	(+ 1.3)	(+ 1.4)	(+ 2.0)	(+ 1.9)

Source: Statistics Canada 11-003.

Table 2 - MARRIAGES
(number)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	188	166		
February	239	235	(885)	(885)
March	255	292	(885)	(885)
April	380	341		
May	515	508	(1,367)	(1,294)
June	684	802	(1,367)	(1,294)
July	1,016	883		
August	880	904	(2,567)	(2,505)
September	770	773	(2,567)	(2,505)
October	625	575		
November	444	448	(1,418)	
December	459	430	(1,418)	
Total	6,455	6,357	6,237	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 5.0	- 1.5	- 1.9	(- 2.8)

Sources: Statistics Canada 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 3 - BIRTHS
(number)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	973	988		
February	942	847	(2,694)	(3,041)
March	1,014	996		
April	1,023	966		
May	1,025	1,010	(2,908)	(2,658)
June	978	967		
July	987	977		
August	1,007	946	(2,960)	(3,078)
September	1,018	927		
October	990	957		
November	886	895	(3,137)	
December	963	949		
Total	11,806	11,425	11,699	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	- 3.1	- 3.2	+ 2.4	(+ 2.5)

Sources: Statistics Canada 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 4 - DEATHS
(number)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	543	465		
February	447	442	(1,492)	(1,520)
March	365	455		
April	390	357		
May	409	412	(1,285)	(1,183)
June	378	442		
July	416	409		
August	404	403	(1,233)	(1,315)
September	383	418		
October	398	450		
November	434	438	(1,349)	
December	415	393		
Total	4,982	5,084	5,359	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 0.8	+ 2.0	+ 5.4	(+ 0.2)

Sources: Statistics Canada 11-003 & 84-202.

(II) LABOUR

Table 5 - TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES
(million dollars)

Months	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	83.7	91.9	105.1	130.8
February	84.0	91.9	105.1	129.4
March	85.5	93.3	111.0	133.3
April	86.0	94.7	109.1	137.1
May	88.8	98.6	116.6	150.9
June	95.5	105.8	127.2	152.8
July	96.6	106.3	133.3	157.6
August	95.8	106.0	132.1	158.9
September	96.1	106.8	132.3	159.8
October	95.7	107.7	132.9	
November	95.5	108.9	130.6	
December	93.6	105.0	130.3	
Total	1,096.7	1,216.9	1,465.4	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 9.7	+11.0	+20.4	(+22.3)

Source: Statistics Canada 72-005.

Table 6 - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES¹
(dollars)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	123.40	133.25	145.50	174.41
February	124.91	133.52	145.70	174.97
March	124.95	132.29	148.46	180.45
April	125.39	130.03	148.37	181.24
May	120.75	129.22	149.51	179.41
June	123.88	132.08	152.65	179.75
July	124.01	131.81	158.21	182.15
August	124.08	134.08	158.39	181.49
September	124.91	134.51	157.22	182.11
October	126.73	136.64	164.66	
November	127.81	140.20	164.21	
December	130.19	139.96	162.06	
Average	125.08	133.97	154.58	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+10.3	+ 7.1	+15.4	(+18.5)

¹Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.
Source: Statistics Canada 72-002.

Table 7 - EMPLOYMENT INDEX¹
(1961 = 100)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	114.4	115.1	123.9	127.1
February	112.6	114.1	124.1	125.1
March	112.6	116.4	124.3	125.3
April	113.6	118.3	123.6	127.5
May	122.0	128.5	132.6	137.8
June	130.8	135.3	142.9	145.4
July	132.2	135.9	145.2	147.5
August	132.3	129.4	144.9	149.2
September	130.3	134.4	141.8	149.5
October	127.5	135.3	139.7	
November	125.6	132.7	137.7	
December	118.7	125.7	131.5	
Average	122.7	126.8	134.4	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	- 0.2	+ 3.3	+ 5.8	(+ 2.6)

¹Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.
Source: Statistics Canada 72-002.

Table 8 - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS PAYMENTS
(thousand dollars)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	6,118	11,273	12,167	15,800
February	7,531	9,635	10,782	14,237
March	7,747	9,754	11,035	14,904
April	7,315	10,289	12,810	18,389
May	7,966	8,656	10,252	14,353
June	4,908	5,843	7,095	10,859
July	4,423	6,121	7,132	11,209
August	4,557	5,054	5,753	8,774
September	3,918	4,550	5,684	9,494
October	4,702	5,735	5,930	8,205
November	5,129	5,293	6,944	
December	6,417	6,844	9,333	
Total	70,732	89,047	104,917	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	...	+25.9	+17.8	(+42.4)

Source: Statistics Canada 73-001.

Table 9 - LABOUR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
(thousands)

Month	Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975
January	220	235	248	192	208	211	29	27	37	13.2	11.5	14.9
February	220	237	251	189	209	210	31	28	41	14.1	11.8	16.3
March	222	234	253	194	208	213	27	26	40	12.2	11.1	15.8
April	233	240	250	203	208	212	30	32	39	12.9	13.3	15.6
May	245	248	261	220	221	223	24	27	38	9.8	10.9	14.6
June	248	254	273	231	237	250	17	17	23	6.9	6.7	8.4
July	257	267	279	241	251	258	16	17	21	6.2	6.4	7.5
August	260	265	277	246	252	255	14	13	22	5.4	4.9	7.9
September	246	253	260	233	237	242	13	17	18	5.3	6.7	6.9
October	245	255	260	228	239	237	17	16	23	6.9	6.3	8.8
November	238	256	259	219	235	229	19	21	31	8.0	8.2	12.0
December	237	250	254	215	220	223	22	30	31	9.3	12.0	12.2
Average	239	250	260	218	227	230	22	23	30	9.2	9.2	11.5
% Change	+5.8	+4.6	+4.0	+5.3	+4.1	+1.3	+15.8	+4.5	+30.4			

Source: Statistics Canada 71-001.

(III) PRIMARY INDUSTRY

Table 10 - FARM CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARMING OPERATIONS
(thousand dollars)

Quarter	1972	1973	1974	1975
1st Quarter	13,575	24,170	31,800	19,540
2nd Quarter	15,539	26,820	28,900	21,100
3rd Quarter	15,137	18,980	19,050	24,670
4th Quarter	20,866	25,570	23,820	
Total	65,117	95,546	103,571	
% Change (1Q.-3Q.)	+23.1	+46.7	+ 8.4	(-18.1)

Sources: Statistics Canada 21-001 & 21-201.

Table 11 - SOURCES OF FARM CASH RECEIPTS
(thousand dollars)
(Jan.-Oct.)

	1974	1975
Oats	225	274
Potatoes	40,363	22,108
Fruits	1,361	2,176
Vegetables	2,398	2,492
Other Crops	2,620	2,047
Total Crops	46,967	29,097
Cattle and Calves	6,563	5,937
Hogs	4,818	5,988
Sheep and Lambs	132	124
Dairy Products	13,157	15,518
Poultry	7,566	6,721
Eggs	4,918	5,206
Other Livestock and Products	546	554
Total Livestock and Products	37,700	40,048
Forest and Maple Products	1,800	2,016
Other Payments	1,196	5,938
Total Cash Receipts	87,663	77,099

Source: Statistics Canada 21-001.

Table 12 - PULPWOOD PRODUCTION - DOMESTIC USE
(thousand cunits)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	138.7	139.9	222.0	185.7
February	139.5	235.0	241.1	147.6
March	76.3	138.6	184.7	99.8
April	54.3	95.7	106.9	60.0
May	61.5	175.9	163.6	59.5
June	168.2	272.2	327.3	187.1
July	187.7	241.8	339.4	319.9
August	208.4	249.4	349.3	222.3
September	209.2	236.6	312.2	251.1
October	198.6	335.6	287.3	225.5
November	178.2	289.5	228.4	
December	199.5	189.6	161.0	
Total	1,820.0	2,599.8	2,923.2	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	+10.8	+42.8	+12.4	(-30.6)

Source: Statistics Canada 25-001.

Table 13 - COAL PRODUCTION
(thousand tons)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	31.8	34.8	29.5	34.3
February	30.2	28.2	21.8	40.8
March	37.1	31.5	29.5	35.0
April	37.1	33.3	35.3	49.8
May	36.4	43.8	39.3	41.6
June	45.2	36.6	28.6	38.9
July	42.8	37.7	38.5	34.2
August	36.6	41.5	35.1	40.3
September	41.7	34.1	27.8	45.6
October	41.8	22.7	35.1	38.6
November	28.1	24.2	51.5	26.9
December	20.7	25.8	42.9	40.0
Total	429.5	394.2	415.0	465.8
% Change	-17.0	- 8.2	+ 5.3	+12.2

Source: Statistics Canada 45-002.

Table 14 - VOLUME OF SEAFISH LANDINGS
(thousand pounds)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	1,359	2,195	5,530	607
February	563	3,273	1,935	6,425
March	499	5,938	1,624	3,734
April	2,983	5,828	7,718	1,472
May	17,667	30,343	21,261	5,904
June	42,397	45,331	35,990	25,907
July	55,296	50,035	58,180	47,065
August	68,185	68,720	42,524	34,189
September	77,493	38,725	32,764	21,464
October	63,565	22,330	21,695	41,545
November	23,459	9,525	12,832	
December	4,068	4,184	17,684	
Total	357,534	286,427	247,797	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	- 3.4	- 19.9	- 13.5	(-18.9)

Sources: Statistics Canada 24-002 & New Brunswick
Department of Fisheries and Environment.

Table 15 - VALUE OF SEAFISH LANDINGS
(thousand dollars)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	268	182	938	114
February	65	333	193	1,862
March	66	242	125	1,003
April	160	530	915	148
May	1,506	2,907	2,420	722
June	3,970	3,931	3,840	2,606
July	2,361	2,456	3,295	3,068
August	3,509	4,284	3,308	2,852
September	2,857	3,123	2,340	2,188
October	2,279	1,497	1,909	3,426
November	2,138	1,579	923	
December	737	1,038	1,801	
Total	19,916	22,102	21,024	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 26.0	+ 11.0	- 4.9	(- 6.7)

Sources: Statistics Canada 24-002 & New Brunswick
Department of Fisheries and Environment.

Table 16 - VOLUME OF SEAFISH LANDINGS BY SPECIES
(thousand pounds)
(Jan.-Oct.)

Species	1974	1975
Groundfish, Total	33,265	21,727
Cod	6,639	7,317
Redfish	14,748	3,818
Other	11,878	10,592
Pelagic & Estuarial, Total	174,936	147,343
Herring	144,891	124,291
Tuna	11,265	12,520
Other	18,780	10,532
Molluscs & Crustaceans, Total	22,133	17,270
Lobster	4,292	5,190
Crabs	12,644	8,264
Shrimp	2,013	815
Other	3,184	3,001
Viscera, Total	2,084	1,216
Total Seafish Landings	232,418	187,556

Source: Statistics Canada 24-002.

Table 17 - VALUE OF SEAFISH LANDINGS BY SPECIES
(thousand dollars)
(Jan.-Oct.)

Species	1974	1975
Groundfish, Total	2,399	1,841
Cod	807	848
Redfish	702	198
Other	890	795
Pelagic & Estuarial, Total	8,566	8,358
Herring	4,119	3,414
Tuna	3,474	4,266
Other	973	678
Molluscs & Crustaceans, Total	8,086	7,762
Lobster	4,626	5,468
Crabs	2,247	1,453
Shrimp	493	163
Other	720	678
Viscera, Total	231	54
Total Seafish Landings	19,282	18,015

Note: Discrepancies which appear in Tables 15 to 18 are due to incomplete revisions.

Source: Statistics Canada 24-002.

(IV) MANUFACTURING

Table 18 - GROSS VALUE OF MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS
(million dollars)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	66.4	82.9	108.8	130.3
February	69.4	78.2	107.5	127.2
March	74.4	86.7	111.7	141.8
April	73.4	82.4	128.8	137.5
May	79.4	99.1	141.8	148.3
June	90.7	105.6	141.0	145.3
July	78.5	96.2	142.7	139.0
August	83.6	102.8	150.2	143.8
September	86.9	103.5	147.5	141.2
October	86.8	107.2	153.0	143.1
November	88.3	106.5	152.8	
December	87.3	117.1	147.5	
Total	965.1	1,168.3	1,633.1	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 19.6	+ 21.1	+ 39.8	(+ 4.8)

Source: Statistics Canada 31-001.

Table 19 - PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTION INDEX
(1953=100)

Quarter	1972	1973	1974	1975
Jan.-Mar.	251.7	286.8	289.4	256.3
Apr.-June	260.3	300.5	303.2	258.5
July-Sept.	263.1	239.7	283.2	246.8
Oct.-Dec.	278.7	279.2	291.5	
Average	263.4	276.5	291.8	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+20.3	+ 5.0	+ 5.5	(-13.0)

Source: Based on data from the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

Table 20 - SAWN LUMBER PRODUCTION
(million feet board measure)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	24.1	23.9	23.6	14.4
February	24.7	23.7	24.5	16.5
March	27.7	28.0	25.9	18.0
April	26.6	25.2	25.6	19.3
May	22.7	23.6	29.3	23.6
June	25.6	28.5	27.3	21.3
July	25.5	27.6	26.0	22.0
August	29.9	30.9	25.2	23.7
September	25.4	34.2	26.8	23.4
October	27.2	34.6	30.4	
November	26.7	29.9	26.8	
December	28.3	26.5	19.4	
Total	314.4	336.4	310.8	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 5.2	+ 7.0	- 7.6	(-22.2)

Source: Statistics Canada 35-002.

(V) UTILITIES

Table 21 - NET ELECTRIC ENERGY USED
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	472	503	583	638
February	492	482	525	588
March	449	504	538	642
April	426	472	519	548
May	412	468	509	535
June	399	458	458	491
July	400	456	470	481
August	413	439	496	483
September	404	479	491	492
October	456	475	558	547
November	470	533	560	
December	523	553	613	
Total	5,316	5,822	6,320	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 19.1	+ 9.5	+ 8.6	(+ 5.8)

Source: Statistics Canada 57-001.

Table 22 - NET ELECTRICITY PROVIDED BY NBEPIC FOR CONSUMPTION
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	411	463	507	553
February	391	416	465	506
March	407	434	488	523
April	375	414	441	470
May	365	412	427	450
June	355	391	395	427
July	349	378	400	419
August	360	362	418	435
September	370	313	433	422
October	397	399	478	476
November	410	451	477	463
December	424	471	530	
Total	4,614	4,904	5,459	
% Change (Jan.-Nov.)	+ 17.0	+ 6.3	+ 11.3	(+ 4.4)

Source: The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission.

Table 23 - LONG DISTANCE CALLS ORIGINATING IN NEW BRUNSWICK
(thousands)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	1,009	1,216	1,508	1,793
February	1,015	1,129	1,401	1,687
March	1,119	1,272	1,583	1,883
April	1,075	1,259	1,642	1,997
May	1,201	1,424	1,768	2,050
June	1,230	1,408	1,706	2,075
July	1,236	1,491	1,860	2,220
August	1,335	1,612	1,897	2,135
September	1,193	1,415	1,738	2,128
October	1,246	1,542	1,890	2,223
November	1,226	1,504	1,769	2,117
December	1,224	1,429	1,756	2,186
Total	14,109	16,701	20,518	24,495
% Change	+ 15.6	+ 18.4	+ 22.9	+19.4

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

Table 24 - TELEPHONES IN SERVICE
(thousands)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	243	260	282	303
February	244	261	284	305
March	245	263	289	306
April	246	263	286	308
May	248	265	289	309
June	250	266	290	311
July	251	267	292	312
August	252	269	294	313
September	255	272	296	315
October	256	274	296	317
November	258	276	298	319
December	260	279	300	321
Average	251	268	291	312
% Change	+7.7	+6.8	+8.6	+7.2

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

(VI) CONSTRUCTION

Table 25 - HOUSING STARTS AND HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

(All Areas)

(number)

Quarter	1972	1973	1974	1975
<u>(A) Starts</u>				
1st Quarter	258	523	305	284
2nd Quarter	2,153	2,211	1,686	2,415
3rd Quarter	2,311	2,794	2,726	2,477
4th Quarter	1,636	1,707	1,144	1,807
Total	6,358	7,235	5,861	6,983
% Change	+29.0	+13.8	-19.0	+19.1
<u>(B) Under Construction</u>				
March 31	2,318	3,846	3,402	2,798
June 30	3,215	4,666	3,790	3,990
September 30	4,384	5,123	4,414	4,842
December 31	4,483	4,534	3,550	
% Change				
(Sept./Sept.)	(+29.0)	(+16.9)	(-13.8)	(+ 9.7)

Source: Statistics Canada 64-002.

Table 26 - BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED¹
(thousand dollars)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	4,293	2,406	2,867	11,592
February	7,612	4,429	7,057	15,449
March	6,323	7,444	7,328	5,516
April	5,575	29,995	22,238	14,071
May	17,014	18,899	16,369	26,995
June	16,026	12,933	12,379	20,466
July	24,394	13,111	26,184	31,410
August	8,039	14,663	14,778	23,197
September	9,889	6,889	18,013	20,728
October	8,648	19,185	23,402	23,699
November	5,263	4,343	6,927	
December	16,791	10,963	10,088	
Total	129,867	145,260	167,630	
% Change	+28.9	+11.9	+15.4	
(Jan.-Oct.)				(+28.2)

¹ Does not cover engineering projects (roads, bridges, dams, etc.) nor non-urban construction.

Source: Statistics Canada 64-001.

(VII) TRADE AND FINANCETable 27 - VALUE OF RETAIL TRADE
(thousand dollars)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	54,185	59,699	70,371	84,089
February	54,386	57,721	70,472	82,847
March	65,814	74,358	87,823	92,207
April	72,478	76,424	93,062	102,378
May	82,296	86,717	104,235	115,958
June	85,548	92,241	101,622	113,874
July	77,875	84,573	98,513	117,097
August	76,843	83,513	103,431	115,282
September	76,172	79,744	92,750	109,762
October	77,521	88,551	102,027	
November	81,396	91,532	102,142	
December	87,374	101,748	114,946	
Total	891,888	976,821	1,141,394	
% Change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 6.8	+ 9.5	+16.8	(+13.5)

Source: Statistics Canada 63-005.

Table 28 - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (SAINT JOHN)
(1971 = 100)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	101.8	107.5	117.7	131.2
February	102.6	108.0	118.8	132.3
March	103.0	108.2	119.2	133.5
April	103.4	110.3	120.4	134.0
May	103.7	110.9	122.0	135.5
June	104.1	111.5	123.6	137.0
July	104.6	112.2	124.4	139.3
August	105.8	114.0	125.6	142.3
September	106.0	115.3	126.7	141.9
October	106.0	115.3	127.7	142.4
November	106.1	116.0	128.8	143.4
December	106.6	117.0	130.1	143.9
Average Index	104.5	112.2	123.8	138.1
% Change	+ 4.5	+ 7.4	+10.3	+11.6

Source: Statistics Canada 62-002.

Table 29 - VALUE OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES
(thousand dollars)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
<u>All Vehicles</u>				
January	6,721	8,240	10,283	8,621
February	7,342	8,505	11,876	11,092
March	9,281	15,675	15,262	15,087
April	10,464	13,660	16,810	18,709
May	14,047	15,965	19,860	19,480
June	13,963	14,909	16,279	21,222
July	9,549	10,662	14,204	16,616
August	8,256	10,410	13,553	14,137
September	8,167	9,542	9,526	12,361
October	11,614	13,059	12,649	17,710
November	10,439	11,357	10,577	
December	7,416	9,349	9,180	
Total	117,259	141,333	160,059	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 15.3	+ 20.5	+ 13.2	(+10.5)

Source: Statistics Canada 63-007.

Table 30 - NUMBER OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
<u>All Vehicles</u>				
January	1,763	2,087	2,332	1,760
February	1,986	2,078	2,611	2,227
March	2,381	3,840	3,422	2,929
April	2,770	3,345	3,822	3,677
May	3,617	3,813	4,344	3,821
June	3,546	3,624	3,575	3,832
July	2,516	2,616	3,134	3,160
August	2,093	2,412	2,908	2,660
September	2,112	2,271	2,101	2,292
October	2,951	2,990	2,727	3,222
November	2,661	2,727	2,220	
December	1,791	2,109	1,877	
Total	30,087	33,912	35,073	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 10.7	+ 12.7	+ 3.4	(- 4.5)

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Table 30 - (Continued)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
<u>Passenger Vehicles</u>				
January	1,368	1,631	1,703	1,235
February	1,521	1,609	1,889	1,680
March	1,940	3,038	2,551	2,098
April	2,289	2,648	2,881	2,749
May	2,983	3,048	3,266	2,912
June	2,816	2,932	2,728	2,854
July	2,024	2,105	2,372	2,374
August	1,642	1,893	2,126	1,958
September	1,698	1,782	1,569	1,656
October	2,383	2,299	2,033	2,381
November	2,147	2,097	1,629	
December	1,371	1,570	1,361	
Total	24,182	26,652	26,108	
% Change (Jan.- Oct.)	+ 8.9	+ 10.2	- 2.0	(- 5.3)
<u>Commercial Vehicles</u>				
January	395	456	629	525
February	365	469	722	547
March	441	802	871	831
April	481	697	941	928
May	634	765	1,078	909
June	730	692	847	978
July	492	511	762	786
August	451	519	782	702
September	414	489	532	636
October	568	691	694	841
November	514	630	591	
December	420	539	516	
Total	5,905	7,260	8,965	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 18.4	+ 22.9	+ 23.5	(- 2.2)

Source: Statistics Canada 63-007.

Table 31 - LIFE INSURANCE SALES
(million dollars)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	12.3	15.3	19.5	23.8
February	17.2	16.0	24.6	26.3
March	18.8	20.3	27.8	25.9
April	17.0	17.9	24.8	33.2
May	19.6	22.4	33.6	31.6
June	19.3	21.0	31.6	37.6
July	17.1	20.1	28.2	36.5
August	18.2	23.9	27.1	29.3
September	17.2	22.1	26.8	
October	20.2	26.9	35.1	
November	24.1	29.0	31.1	
December	20.1	23.7	32.1	
Total	221.1	258.6	342.3	
% Change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 22.2	+ 17.0	+ 32.4	(+12.4)

Source: Statistics Canada 11-003.

Table 32 - CHEQUES CASHED IN CLEARING HOUSES
(million dollars)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	533.2	728.1	963.0	1,293.0
February	546.7	585.1	740.9	1,113.1
March	631.0	737.4	964.1	1,257.4
April	558.6	757.4	993.7	1,226.0
May	742.8	811.0	1,120.1	1,468.4
June	636.3	804.8	919.3	1,563.6
July	633.3	836.3	1,066.9	1,388.1
August	648.0	815.8	1,110.3	1,205.5
September	630.1	787.0	964.3	1,499.9
October	737.4	847.4	1,192.9	1,587.3
November	704.9	905.0	1,105.5	
December	687.6	886.6	1,029.1	
Total	7,689.9	9,501.9	12,170.0	
% Change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 11.6	+ 23.6	+ 28.0	(+35.5)

Source: Statistics Canada 61-001.

(VIII) TRANSPORTATION

Table 33 - TOTAL PORT TRAFFIC - SAINT JOHN HARBOUR
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	573.2	643.8	554.5	432.4
February	456.7	480.9	338.2	649.0
March	515.9	664.4	531.8	618.9
April	573.6	462.0	544.8	547.2
May	411.2	537.2	541.8	583.6
June	531.5	500.2	504.9	395.0
July	538.2	457.2	545.4	383.4
August	477.4	449.1	491.0	440.4
September	408.9	473.2	459.6	140.2
October	466.3	453.9	539.2	175.0
November	479.5	485.7	380.3	159.6
December	552.9	522.5	545.0	
Total	5,985.3	6,130.1	5,976.5	
% Change (Jan.-Nov.)	+ 3.1	+ 2.4	- 2.5	(-16.7)

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.

Table 34 - PORT TRAFFIC - SAINT JOHN HARBOUR
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	Incoming Traffic			Outgoing Traffic		
	1974	1975	% Change	1974	1975	% Change
January	175.0	123.6	-29.4	379.4	308.8	-18.6
February	89.3	75.9	-15.0	248.8	573.1	+130.3
March	215.8	109.7	-49.2	316.0	509.2	+61.1
April	78.4	80.3	+ 2.4	466.4	466.9	+ 0.1
May	115.1	142.5	+23.8	426.7	441.1	+ 3.4
June	98.4	86.1	-12.5	406.5	308.9	-24.0
July	116.1	62.5	-46.2	429.3	320.9	-25.3
August	124.2	119.9	- 3.5	366.8	320.6	-12.6
September	92.8	41.0	-55.8	366.8	99.2	-73.0
October	138.1	65.0	-52.9	401.1	110.1	-72.6
November	85.0	55.1	-35.2	295.2	104.5	-64.6
December	141.4			403.6		
Total	1,469.6			4,506.6		
% Change (Jan.-Nov.)	+ 13.8	(-27.6)		- 6.9	(-13.2)	

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.

(IX) SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Table 35 - EMPLOYMENT INDEX
(1961 = 100)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	121.8	122.6	133.0	136.1
February	120.7	122.3	134.8	135.2
March	121.5	125.6	134.8	134.9
April	122.7	127.7	132.4	136.7
May	122.0	128.5	132.3	138.0
June	124.5	128.8	133.5	135.9
July	123.8	127.3	134.2	136.7
August	121.5	118.8	134.6	138.8
September	123.6	127.6	134.4	142.2
October	123.2	130.7	135.5	
November	124.4	131.4	136.0	
December	122.8	130.1	137.2	

Source: Statistics Canada 72-002.

Table 36 - TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES
(million dollars)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	87.2	95.9	109.8	136.5
February	88.1	96.7	110.7	136.2
March	89.2	97.5	116.0	139.1
April	90.6	99.8	115.2	138.7
May	89.8	99.7	118.2	152.6
June	91.3	100.9	121.2	145.3
July	92.0	101.2	126.9	148.9
August	91.6	101.3	126.5	151.1
September	92.9	103.2	127.9	154.2
October	93.6	105.3	130.2	
November	94.5	107.7	129.2	
December	95.9	107.7	133.8	

Source: Statistics Canada 72-005.

Table 37 - VALUE OF RETAIL TRADE
(million dollars)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	70.5	77.0	91.0	107.5
February	70.7	77.4	94.4	111.0
March	68.6	76.6	93.6	98.1
April	74.1	77.9	92.8	103.8
May	74.7	78.9	93.8	104.2
June	75.0	80.8	92.1	102.8
July	74.7	82.1	93.6	111.7
August	75.6	81.2	99.4	114.6
September	76.5	83.0	96.2	111.3
October	75.8	84.7	97.9	
November	77.0	85.4	95.3	
December	75.9	88.1	100.9	

Source: Statistics Canada 11-003.

Table 38 - LABOUR FORCE
(thousands)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	224	229	245	256
February	220	227	246	256
March	227	234	248	263
April	223	238	245	256
May	223	243	247	259
June	226	240	246	267
July	228	240	250	261
August	229	242	245	261
September	227	244	253	260
October	230	246	255	262
November	230	241	259	266
December	231	242	255	261

Sources: Statistics Canada 71-201 & Special Tables,
Labour Force Survey Branch, Statistics Canada.

Table 39 - LABOUR FORCE EMPLOYED
(thousands)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	207	207	224	228
February	206	204	225	226
March	206	212	227	231
April	207	217	222	227
May	204	221	222	226
June	206	218	224	237
July	208	218	227	233
August	207	222	227	230
September	205	226	230	233
October	208	221	232	229
November	208	219	235	230
December	209	222	228	231

Sources: Statistics Canada 71-201 & Special Tables,
Labour Force Survey Branch, Statistics Canada.

Table 40 - LABOUR FORCE UNEMPLOYED
(thousands)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	17	22	21	28
February	14	23	21	30
March	21	22	21	32
April	16	21	20	29
May	19	22	25	33
June	20	22	22	30
July	20	22	23	28
August	22	20	18	31
September	22	18	23	27
October	22	25	23	33
November	22	22	24	36
December	22	20	27	30

Sources: Statistics Canada 71-201 & Special Tables,
Labour Force Survey Branch, Statistics Canada.

Table 41 - LABOUR FORCE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(per cent)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	7.6	9.6	8.6	10.9
February	6.4	10.1	8.5	11.7
March	9.3	9.4	8.5	12.2
April	7.2	8.8	9.4	11.3
May	8.5	9.1	10.1	12.7
June	8.8	9.2	8.9	11.2
July	8.8	9.2	9.2	10.7
August	9.6	8.3	7.3	11.9
September	9.7	7.4	9.1	10.4
October	9.6	10.2	9.0	12.6
November	9.6	9.1	9.3	13.5
December	9.5	8.3	10.6	11.5

Sources: Statistics Canada 71-201 & Special Tables,
Labour Force Survey Branch, Statistics Canada.

Table 42 - LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

(per cent)

Month	1972	1973	1974	1975
January	50.2	50.1	52.2	53.6
February	49.5	50.6	53.2	54.4
March	50.1	50.6	52.0	54.7
April	49.4	51.8	52.0	52.6
May	49.7	52.8	52.1	53.3
June	49.8	51.8	51.7	53.9
July	50.0	51.3	51.9	53.1
August	50.4	52.1	51.6	52.7
September	49.5	52.2	52.3	52.4
October	49.9	52.2	52.8	52.3
November	50.5	51.7	54.1	52.7
December	51.2	51.9	53.3	52.6

Sources: Statistics Canada 71-201 & Special Tables,
Labour Force Survey Branch, Statistics Canada.